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CHESHAM UNITED 1, WYCOMBE WANDERERS 2

ONLY a goal between the two sides, but Wycombe's supremacy was more evident than the score suggests. In fact very little was seen of the Chesham attack in this Shaw and Kilburn fixture.

A heavy downpour half an hour before kick-off, left the surface slippery causing players to make involuntary mistakes both in tackling and particularly passing.

The game started with early attacks by Wycombe and the first chance fell to Graham MacKenzie following a through ball by Howard Kennedy, Graham delayed his shot and was eventually robbed in the area.

After 10 minutes Stewart Atkins should have put Chesham ahead. After brilliantly beating two men in the area his final shot went comfortably straight at keeper Peter Spittle.

The Wanderers continued to have the better of the exchanges and made three very good chances of scoring. A Mackenzie free kick was met by a bullet header by Holifield straight into the arms of keeper Dave Wilson. Then Derek Harris found the keeper when the path to goal opened up in front of him. This was followed by the keeper punching away a shot from Dylan Evans.

In the 33rd minute Wycombe opened their account, Holifield

broke down the left, got behind the defence and crossed hard and low, for MacKenzie to return the ball for Roger Day to sidefoot into the net.

Graham MacKenzie got another strike in at goal just before half time, but shot high over the bar. Kerry Dixon managed a shot at the Wycombe goal on the stroke of half time, but there was no pace in the shot and therefore no problem for Peter Spittle.

The half started where it had left off with Wycombe attacking and Howard Kennedy missing the target when in a good position. The play then switched to the other end with Chesham putting more effort into turning the Wycombe defence and even though for some 10 minutes they camped in the Wycombe half the covering of the Wycombe defence was good, although overrun after Johnny Morris brought a good save out of Peter Spittle who knocked the ball away for a corner.

This episode was repeated at the other end and Dave Wilson

saved well from Micky Holifield following good approach work by Graham MacKenzie. A further good move by Wycombe ended with Micky Holifield blazing over the top.

The second Wycombe goal arrived at the 75th minute. A good move by Dylan Evans and Micky Holifield left Graham MacKenzie with only the keeper to beat, his shot was saved but not held and Derek Harris was on hand to net the rebound.

Ten minutes later Chesham scored from a suspect off-side position. In fact the flag went up but was ignored by the referee and therefore taken down, by which time Atkins had netted.

The main difference between the teams was that Wycombe created 10 scoring chances and scored twice, whereas Chesham's 3 real chances and 2 half chances produced one goal. The Wycombe forwards found they could get round the back of the Chesham defence, but the Wycombe defence had a firmer grip on the opposing forwards.

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THIS WAS Wanderers third victory away from home is no mean feat. The opposition may have had an off-

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